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(U) Los Angeles – Daughter of Drug Cartel Leader Pleads Guilty to Violating Kingpin Act

(U) Jessica Johanna Oseguera Gonzalez, 34, who was born in California and moved to Mexico while in high school, was charged with breaking a law known as the Kingpin Act, which makes it a crime for a US citizen to do business with an entity that the US Treasury Department has identified as having supported drug traffickers. Gonzalez is the daughter of Nemesio Ruben Oseguera Cervantes ("El Mencho"), the leader of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG). US prosecutors linked Oseguera Gonzalez to five of these companies: an advertising business, an agricultural collective, a vacation cabin rental business, a sushi restaurant, and a tequila company.

SOURCE: 13 March 2021, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Los Angeles – 3 Officers Injured, 10 Arrested as Protests Turn Violent

(U) Police Chief Michel Moore said Sunday that three officers suffered minor injuries during clashes in Hollywood on the night of 13 March with demonstrators marking the first anniversary of the death of Breonna Taylor, who was fatally shot by police in her Louisville, Kentucky home. Nine businesses were vandalized, and smoke grenades as well as other projectiles were thrown at police, the chief said. Moore initially said 11 people were arrested, but the LAPD later clarified that 10 people in total were arrested.

SOURCE: 14 March 2021, [NBC News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Border Patrol Apprehends More Than 100 People in Smuggling Attempts

(U) Laredo – US Border Patrol agents assigned to the Laredo North Station apprehended 111 individuals during three separate human smuggling attempts involving commercial trailers north of Laredo, Texas. The individuals were determined to be from Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico. All individuals were placed under arrest pending further investigation by Special Agents of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

SOURCE: 14 March 2021, [KOLD News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Illinois – At Least 15 People Shot, 2 Killed in Mass Shooting on South Side

(U) Chicago – At least 15 people were shot at a party on Sunday morning in Chicago's Greater Grand Crossing neighborhood, leaving at least two people dead, according to police. Four guns were recovered from the scene. Authorities are working to uncover a motive. The incident marks the second time in less than a year that 15 people were shot in a single incident in Chicago, following a shooting of 15 people last July outside of a funeral home on 79th Street.

SOURCE: 15 March 2021, [WGN News](#)

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(U) Indiana – Cyberterrorist ‘Brian Kil’ Sentenced to 75-years in Prison

(U) Indianapolis – Buster “Brian Kil” Hernandez, from Bakersfield, California, who pleaded guilty to 40 federal charges of terrorizing underage girls in central Indiana was sentenced on 12 March to 75-years in prison. Officials said Friday they had identified more than 375 victims. Hernandez made threats to kill, rape, and kidnap hundreds of juvenile females and threatened to use explosive devices against schools and shopping centers. Hernandez also forced one of his victims to attend a community safety forum on his own attacks to gather counterintelligence from law enforcement.

SOURCE: 13 March 2021, [WISHTV](#)

(U) Virginia – Grand Jury Indicts 31 People on Drug and Gun Charges

(U) Campbell County – Local law enforcement recently concluded a year-long counterdrug investigation called "Operation Crystal Clear," resulting in 31 arrests on 62 total felony charges, and the seizure of more than 7,532-grams of methamphetamine, 227-grams of heroin, and 688-grams of cocaine, with a total estimated street value of \$773,654. In addition, 26 illegal firearms were recovered within Campbell County.

SOURCE: 14 March 2021, [WSET News](#)

(U) Washington – Microsoft Investigating if Internal Leaks Responsible for Suspected Chinese Hack

(U) Redmond – Microsoft is investigating whether a world-wide cyber-attack on tens-of-thousands of its corporate customers may be linked to a leak of information by the company or its partners, according to people familiar with the matter. The investigation centers in part on the question of how a stealthy cyberattack that began in early January picked up steam in the week before the company was able to send a software fix to customers. In that time, a handful of China-linked hacking groups obtained the tools that allowed them to launch wide-ranging cyberattacks that have now infected computers all over the world running Microsoft's Exchange email software.

SOURCE: 14 March 2021, [Indiana Today](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Canada – Sky Global CEO Indicted for Encrypted Chat Drug Trafficking

(U) Ottawa – On 12 March, the US Department of Justice revealed an indictment, filed in the Southern District of California, against Sky Global's CEO, Jean-Francois Eap, as well as a former distributor of Sky Global devices, Thomas Herdman. US prosecutors claim the pair "knowingly and intentionally participated" in a criminal ring that distributed narcotics by facilitating the "sale and service of encrypted communications devices." The international distribution of heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine is specifically mentioned in the complaint.

SOURCE: 15 March 2021, [ZDNet](#)

(U) France – Knife-Wielding Man Shot Dead by Police

(U) Paris – A knife-wielding man was shot dead close to the Eurostar hub in Paris after he threatened a policeman. The attacker reportedly approached the officer as he was guarding his colleague's mountain bikes while they attended a nearby domestic disturbance. The knifeman reportedly threatened the officer and drew a blade, prompting the officer to shoot him three times just before midday. Le Parisien reports the officer originally tried to scare off the knifeman with his telescopic baton, but the attacker then returned and tried to stab him.

SOURCE: 15 March 2021, [The Scottish Sun](#)

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(U) Mexico – Car Chase, Exchange of Gunfire Leads to Arrests of Alleged Gang Members

(U) Cancun – Police in Mexico arrested several men believed to be members of the Cártel de Jalisco Nueva Generación (CJNG). The alleged gang members were taken into police custody after a chase that involved the exchange of gunfire. Two vehicles were involved, one of which managed to escape police. The second car crashed, and three of the four men were arrested. One of the gunmen from inside the car, 19-year-old Daniel N. from Zacatecas, was shot during gunfire exchange with police and taken to hospital. One of the other suspects, Brian Hiran, is wanted for the murder of a Cancun police officer. SOURCE: 13 March 2021, [Rivera Maya News](#)

(U) Switzerland – Swiss Police Raid Over Hack on US Security Camera Company

(U) Geneva – Swiss authorities on Monday confirmed a police raid at the home of a Swiss hacker who took credit for helping to break into a US security camera company's online networks, part of what the hacker cited as an effort to raise awareness about the dangers of mass surveillance. The Federal Office of Justice said police in central Lucerne, acting on a legal assistance request from US authorities, on Friday carried out a house search involving a group of activist hackers using the name Tillie Kottmann. SOURCE: 15 March 2021, [Washington Times](#)

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